GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO NATIONAL BOOK TRUST
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to National Book Trust for the publication works during the current year;

(b) the details of publications brought out by the Trust in Tamil and other regional languages;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to start a regional office, of National Book Trust at Chennai to look after the publications in Tamil;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure speedy work in bringing of books in Tamil or Tamil works ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) An amount of Rs. 185 lakh has been earmarked by the National Book Trust, India (NBT) for publication of books and related expenditure during the current financial year.

(b) The number of books brought out by the NBT in Tamil and other regional languages during the five years from 1994-95 to 1998-99 are as under :

Assamiya	162
Bangla	184
Gujarati	189
Kannada	317
Malayalam	103
Marathi	189
Oriya	88
Punjabi	117
Tamil	93
Telugu	70
Urdu	78
Kashmiri	02
Konkani	19
Manipuri	11
Nepali	12

(c) At present there is no proposal to start regional office of NBT at Chennai. & The Southern Regional Office of NBT at Bangalore takes care of sales (d) and marketing of NBT publications in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Pondicherry.

(e) Tamil is one of the nineteen languages in which books are regularly published by the NBT. Maximum possible number of books are brought out in each language every year taking into account the funds available, sale prospects and other factors.